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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A5, which relates to an interpolation arithmetic method, system therefore and recording medium to obtain an image with high sharpness without causing artifact at a part where transparency is changed.

Document A2 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A7, which relates to a system for processing movement compensating video signal to reduces the ability of a video signal processor without reducing the quality of a conversion processing and resolution so much.

Document A3 relates to an image signal processing apparatus capable of discriminating a type of an image signal with high accuracy while switching a plurality of interpolation systems corresponding to the types of the images, and adapting to a request of high image quality while realizing a simplified circuit configuration.

The relevance of Documents A8-A10 is described in the present application.

Documents A4 and A6, listed on the attached PTO/SB/08, were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has not been provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

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Although Applicant believes that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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